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REMARKS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1 and 6 were pending. In this communication, applicants have amended claims 1 and 6 and added new claims 94-130. Accordingly, claims 1, 6, and 94-130 are presented, with claims 1, 6, 94, and 115 being in independent form.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action indicates that the information disclosure statement filed on March 22, 2004 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because it allegedly does not include a concise explanation of the relevance of each patent listed that is not in the English language. We note, however, that the Examiner enclosed with the Office Action a 1449 form not submitted by the applicants. This 1449 form has a Docket No. 8571:78CIP and refers to Serial No. 10/152,743, which does not correspond to this application.

The 1449 forms submitted by the applicants refer to this application's docket number, Attorney Docket No. 09712-213002, or to the parent application's docket number, Attorney Docket No. 09712-213001. All references listed on the 1449 forms submitted by the applicants have been initialed by the Examiner in the returned 1449 forms. Applicants therefore believe that the Examiner has considered all references listed on the 1449 forms submitted by the applicants.

Double Patenting

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 6 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,714,307. Applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer with this amendment and ask that the double patenting rejection of claims 1 and 6 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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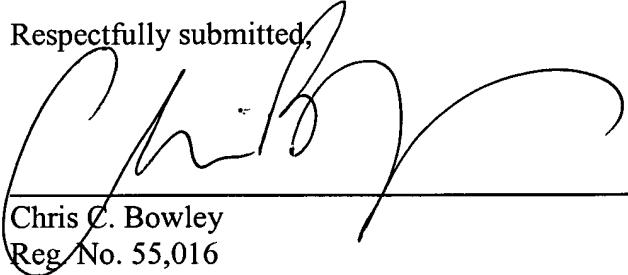
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Enclosed is a \$200 check for excess claim fees and a \$450 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 09712-213002.

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